(b) whether it is also a fact that the profitability of the fertilizer units in the country is being eroded because of the in-ccdinate delay jn the release of normal Government subsidy dues;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government's decision to increase the capacity utilisation norms for different categories of plants and to re-work the depreciation rates on the basis of 20 years life assets would seriously effect the assets of the fertilizer companies in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government pro pose to remove the uncertainties in the fertilizer industry which is fast losing its credibility as an investment proposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Fertilizer manufacturing companies which operate in a cost effective manner at the norms of capacity utilisation and consumption efficiencies, as prescribed in the Retention Price and Subsidy Scheme, are expected to get 12 per cent post tax return. However, actual return i_s determined by factors like actual capacity utilisation, marketing expenses, consumption effi-ciencies etc., which vary from unit to unit.

(b) Although payment of subsidy on bills which are complete in all respects is made within a maximum period of 60 di *ys* from the date of receipt of the claims, there are delays sometimes, in release of subsidy payment due fo constraint of funds particularly towards the end of the finan-c il year.

(c) and (d) The Government decision is based on the experience and perform ance of the fertilizer manufacturing com panies, technological developments result ing in higher productivity, availability of gas as feedstock etc.

2654. *[Transferred to th$_e$ 30th March,* 1989]

Reduction in the work load of the ministry

2655. SHRT VIRENDRA VERMA: V/ill th$_e$ Minister of FOOD AND CIVTL SUPPLIES be pleased to state,-

(a) the percentage of the work load reduced in the Ministry due to transfer of work, delicensing of roller flour mill$_s$ and adoption of new technology during the last three/four years;

(b) what is the number of posts of Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Directors, Under Sec retaries besides Desk/Section Officers re duced in the Directorate of Vanaspati and Directorate of Sugar as a measure of economy stating the annual estimated administrative expenditure curtailed as a result thereof; and

(c) what other measure$_s$ have 'been taken to curtail non-plan expenditure in the Ministry stating the annual estimated reduction in the expenditure during the last i hree/four years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THF. MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a; to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on th$_e$ Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of papan Kalan Scheme

2656. SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regard ing finalisation and implementation of the Papan Kalan Scheme: and

(b) the related policies and procedures if any^ formulated for the affected rest dents covered under the scheme Nos. 170 and 172? .. ....

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Development plan of Papankalan Scheme was approved by the Delhi Deve-lopment Authority on 12th December, 1988 and work relating to finalisation *oi* estimates, preliminary demarcation of roads and development of acquired lands in Phase-I, has since been taken up.

(b) Area Nos. 171 and not (170) and 172 have been declared as Development areas under Delhi Development Act, 1957. Anv fresh construction in these areas ean